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AWARENESS AMONG WORKERS OF UNORGANISED SECTOR

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any efforts to create awareness among the workers of the unorganised sector about the provisions made under the labour laws;

(b) if so, the details in this regard during the last three years; and

(c) the extent of success achieved by the Government in this regard and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government of India through the Central Board for Workers Education (CBWE) has been organizing 2/5 days awareness camps for the workers engaged in unorganised/rural sector since 1979 with a view to develop awareness among these workers about their rights, entitlements and welfare provisions under various labour laws such as the Minimum Wages Act, 1948; Payment of Wages Act, 1936 etc.

(b): During the last three years, 6,11,386 unorganised/rural sector workers were benefited through 15641 camps conducted by the CBWE.

(c): The programmes have created a perceptible impact among both men and women workers and these workers are now more aware about the labour laws like the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 and have formed Mahila Mandals/Self Help Groups for their upliftment and reap the benefits available under various schemes. The training programmes have inculcated the habit of savings and have also helped them in generating self-employment. This has also resulted in reduction of social evils like drug addiction, smoking, gambling, child marriage, etc.